



In re PATENT APPLICATION of
PURSELL, et al.

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Appln. No.: 09/895,876

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: July 2, 2001

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND
PROCESSES FOR MAKING SAME

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January 22, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment to the subject application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting as the first sentence following the title: -- This application claims the benefit of provisional Application No. 60/216,132, filed July 3, 2000 and provisional Application No. 60/254,178, filed December 11, 2000. --

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the specification as shown above by inserting the reference to each prior provisional application to which the subject nonprovisional application claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 119(e). The

inserted language is in accordance with 37 CFR 1.78a(5) and thus does not constitute new matter.

The applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment and favorable consideration of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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